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A Bill

SENATE BILL 497

5 By: Senator Irvin
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUPERVISION OF DELINQUENT
9 YOUTH UNDER THE INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR JUVENILES; AND
10 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

12 TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUPERVISION OF
13 DELINQUENT YOUTH UNDER THE INTERSTATE
14 COMPACT FOR JUVENILES.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 9, Chapter 29, Subchapter 4, is amended
22 to add additional sections to read as follows:

23 9-29-402. Definitions - Administrative support.

24 (a) As used in this subchapter, the term "compact administrator"
25 defined under § 9-29-401 means the Director of the Division of Youth Services
26 as it relates to this state.

27 (b) The Division of Youth Services shall provide administrative
28 support to the Arkansas State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision and
29 the compact administrator.

30 (c) The division may promulgate rules to implement this subchapter.
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32 9-29-403. Custody and placement of runaway juveniles.

33 (a) A law enforcement agency and the Division of Children and Family
34 Services shall:

35 (1) Notify the compact administrator or the compact
36 administrator's designee of when the law enforcement agency or the Division



1 of Children and Family Services has physical custody of a juvenile believed
2 to be a runaway from another state as provided in the Interstate Compact for
3 Juveniles; and

4 (2) Provide the compact administrator or the compact
5 administrator's designee with information about the juvenile, to include
6 without limitation the juvenile's:

7 (A) Name;

8 (B) Delinquency status or history;

9 (C) Home address in the state of origin; and

10 (D) Willingness to return home without further proceedings
11 as provided in the compact.

12 (b)(1) When a law enforcement agency or Division of Children and
13 Family Services has physical custody of a runaway juvenile under subsection
14 (a) of this section, the compact administrator or the compact administrator's
15 designee shall assist the law enforcement agency or Division of Children and
16 Family Services in finding appropriate placement for the juvenile while the
17 juvenile's return to his or her home state is processed.

18 (2) The cost of finding an appropriate placement for a juvenile
19 runaway under subdivision (b)(1) of this section, including intrastate
20 transportation costs that are not covered by the juvenile's legal custodian
21 or home state, shall be the responsibility of the following agencies:

22 (A) For a juvenile charged with a delinquent or criminal
23 offense, the county in which the charge is pending; and

24 (B) For a juvenile who is not charged with a delinquent or
25 criminal offense, the Division of Youth Services.

26 (3) The Division of Youth Services may pay interstate
27 transportation costs for a juvenile runaway if those costs are not covered by
28 the juvenile's legal custodian.

29 (c) The Division of Children and Family Services is not responsible
30 for the placement or transportation of a juvenile runaway under this section.

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32 /s/Irvin
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